

## **Short-Term | Primary Media Statements**

### **San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site**

**Location:** The western bank of the San Jacinto River, just north of Interstate 10.

- Superfund is the federal program that works to clean up hazardous waste sites. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) directs all Superfund activities.
  - It is important to clean up the old waste pits that have sunk into the river over the last 40 years.
  - A team of engineering and environmental professionals are working to on this project.
  - Two companies under the direction of U.S. EPA are paying for this work. These companies are McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation (MIMC) and International Paper.
- The first stage of cleaning up the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site (Site) is set to begin in April [*or a date certain TBD*].
- As of April \_\_, for your safety, the Site will have fences and barriers keep people away from danger.
- Signs have also been posted around the Site to tell everyone
  - that people are not allowed on the Site
  - that the area may be dangerous; and
  - that people should not eat fish or crab from the San Jacinto River, the Houston Ship Channel, Tabbs Bay and Upper Galveston Bay north of Red Bluff Point to Five Mile Cut Marker to Houston Point.
- Many community organizations, government agencies, and elected officials (*list all by name*) are working to tell people about the actions being taken to make this Site a safe place.
- More work is planned for areas next to the Site. Water and sediment will be sampled to find out if they are safe.
- For more information about this Superfund site, please visit [*appropriate EPA Web site link*] or call [*appropriate contact*].

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